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WHERE ARE OAKLAND'S BLACK ARTISTS?

In the face of gentrification, local Black artists and curators are working to ensure that no one ever needs to ask where they are, or whether they've been here all along.

By Sarah Burke





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city's rental housing stock. The ordinance also preempts abuses of Oakland tenants and resolutely counters unmitigated reductions in the city's fragile inventory of affordable rental housing.

In the instance of one North Oakland building, the owner obtained approval to convert a six-unit building with only a Planning Department application. In the process, the owner bypassed all mandatory requirements for conversion, with no monitoring of procedures or necessary process milestones specified in the Condominium Conversion Ordinance, Section 16.36 of Oakland's Planning Code.

The ordinance requires that no conversion can occur in buildings of five units or more unless the converter presents proof that at least an equal number of new rental units have simultaneously been added to the city's rental inventory. In this case, the owner submitted a building with five invented units (three individual apartments and two fully equipped studios with no intervening door), plus a converted garage, and represented to the Planning Department that the building contained only four units. No record search or site visit was made to confirm the actual unit count, since even one extra unit triggers a significantly more complex set of requirements.

Moreover, the ordinance requires the converter to serve various specified written notices to all tenants, and to file copies of such notices with city planning as proof of service to the tenants. Sixty days prior to filing an application for conversion, the owner must serve on all tenants a "Notice of Intent to Convert." Upon service of this notice, there can be no increase in rent for at least the next twelve months. Tenants must also receive the converter's "Tenant Assistance Plan," which spells out the rights and benefits of tenants during the process of conversion, including the right to purchase a converted unit at discount. Tenants must be notified of all hearings and have opportunity to appear and give testimony relating to the conversion. Tenants must also be informed of final conversion approval and the start of owner's sales program. Tenants in this building did not receive any of the required notices, and if notices were filed with city planning under pretext that service to tenants had been performed, a serious incidence of fraud was perpetrated.

If the situation can somehow be downgraded to a legal four-unit building, there are still serious requirements that were not complied with, including all specified notices, the Tenant Assistance Plan, and the fact that no rents can be increased for at least one year from service of the "Notice of Intent to Convert." Even in the simpler case of a four-unit conversion, the owner-converter violated several serious requirements of the Conversion Ordinance.

Condominium conversion, vested by the city's planning code, is administered by the Planning Department. In this case, it is clear that the Department failed in its oversight, monitoring, and basic due diligence. Moreover, the fact that slightly different conversion procedures apply to four-units and less, and to five units or more is unessential, but the effect on tenants who can be evicted without cause in either case is equal and equally restraining. At this stage, it is incumbent on the Planning Department to thoroughly analyze all actions or non-actions of this essential conversion and to determine — based on the requirements of the Ordinance — whether the owner-converter dutifully followed all necessary procedures and based on the files and the facts to determine whether an actual conversion legally exists or not. Such determination is critically important to the lives and futures of the building's tenants.

This case also illustrates the devastation that unwarranted conversion can cause on the lives of long-term tenants, and presents a compelling reason why the city's 30-year-old Condominium Conversion Ordinance is seriously in need of comprehensive revision as soon as possible.

James Vann, Oakland Tenants Union, Oakland

Is Gammon an Anarchist?

What hyperbole Robert Gammon resorts to as he states: "For starters, patrol officers play a major role in keeping low-income and Black residents in poverty in the city." Oakland is wracked by crimes of murder and violence, while the author considers police patrols in high crime areas the problem. He laments that a person stopped, who has no required insurance is currently of a penalty equally levied against every other California driver violating that same law. The author neglected to point out that a study of Oakland police stops from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 (see http://tinyurl.com/...) stated, "Compared to other races, African Americans had the highest percentage of Felony Arrests and Field Investigation Reports at 12% and 39%, respectively; and the lowest overall percentage of Citations at 34%."

More than one out of ten stops of African Americans resulted in a felony arrest, totaling [illegible] such arrests. As to citations (like no insurance), Blacks were cited less frequently than any other race by a significant margin (15% less than Asians; 18% less than Hispanics; 11% less than Whites, and 19% less than others) — making it appear Oakland police actually gave a "break" to those Gammon says are being persecuted for minor traffic violations. So much for his economic theory.

The study didn't break out "low-income" separately, so that factor may have been unreported by Gammon's own reckoning, which concludes if only cops would stop enforcing the laws in areas with low-income and Black residents, things will improve on the crime front and the economic front, as well. What mentality would conjure such logic, that of an anarchist?

While robberies and burglaries are bad, murders and violent, injuring crimes are far worse. Property can be replaced. Human lives cannot be resurrected and the trauma of injuries lives on.

In a perfect world with unlimited funds for Oakland's police force, Gammon may be right in making more detectives and investigations [illegible]. Robberies and

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Gammon Responds

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OPINION

The Mayor's Plan Misses the Mark

To stop the window-smashing, target the window-smashers — not the peaceful demonstrators.

By Rebecca Kaplan



REBECCA KAPLAN

In recent years, we have suffered from the cyclical epidemic of responding to problems by aiming at the wrong targets.

Some people, expressing (or pretending to express) anger about police misconduct, have broken windows and vandalized Oakland businesses. Being angry about police misconduct is legitimate, but the target — local Oakland businesses — is the wrong place to put that anger. Many people have responded by pointing out that "having your windows smashed is not as bad as being killed," but that does not solve the problem that the people whose windows are being smashed are not the people who did the killing.

Smashing windows and causing economic hardship to Oakland businesses and workers does nothing to stop the nationwide crisis involving the shooting of unarmed black men. The vandalism undermines efforts to build real solutions, diverting effort and public attention away from the need to end these wrongful deaths, and causing the public to associate the movement with the destruction of property of those who have done nothing wrong.

But just as window-smashing misses the target, so too has the Oakland city administration's response to it — repeatedly — over the years. Those who engage in vandalism have often gotten away with it, while peaceful demonstrators are surrounded and arrested. The window-smashing is illegal and destructive, and it is important to hold people who do it accountable. However, mass arrests of nonviolent protesters who had nothing to do with the window-smashing is missing the target — just like the window-smashing itself.

This is not a question of enforcement versus no enforcement. It's a question of enforcement against the people who committed the harm versus enforcement targeted against those who did not commit the harm.

Because police resources are stretched thin, focusing officers on strategies that don't improve public safety means that other important work isn't happening — such as catching illegal gun dealers, armed robbers, and the window-smashers. Regardless of [illegible] to [illegible] public assemblies to move demonstrators from streets to sidewalks (and whether or not it turns out to be legal, which we do not yet know), surely we can all realize that it does not target the vandals who get away with their acts of destruction. The people being cited and arrested are not believed to have engaged in vandalism — and meanwhile, those who committed the vandalism are not being held accountable.

To effectively respond to and reduce the vandalism, we should directly target and hold accountable the people who have engaged in acts of vandalism.

Therefore, I am asking that Oakland specifically:

1. Make a real effort to identify and hold accountable those who have engaged in vandalism. For those who did not get caught, continue efforts after-the-fact to identify and find them. Collect and review video and photo footage and work to discover the identity of the vandals. Ask the public for help in identifying people in photos. Pursue significant litigation against those who engaged in vandalism and destruction, to seek payment for the harm they caused, including compensating the businesses for their losses, and requiring a commitment that they refrain from such acts in the future.

2. Help the businesses that were harmed, including with façade improvement and [illegible] improvement funds. Make city funds available, in a timely way, to support needed repairs, including allowing funds to be used for strengthening measures to make businesses less vulnerable in the future (such as helping install metal roll-down doors and unbreakable windows).

Those who vandalize Oakland businesses not only create blight in our community, but they also endanger the jobs of working people who rely on their jobs at these businesses to feed their families and put roofs over their heads. Those who vandalize Oakland businesses are not only causing harm to our business owners, but also are putting the economic security of working people and our broader community at risk.

Rebecca Kaplan is [illegible] of Oakland and is the City's At-Large Council member.

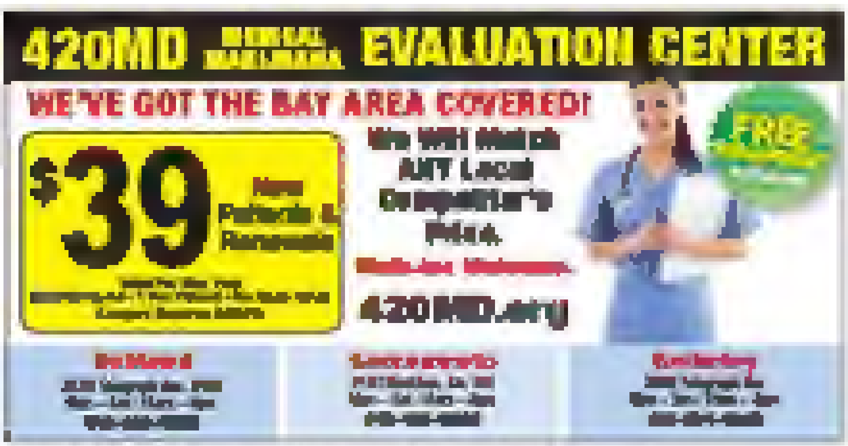
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Broken Windows or Broken Lives?

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf's crackdown on protests is sure to fail.

By Rachel Lederman







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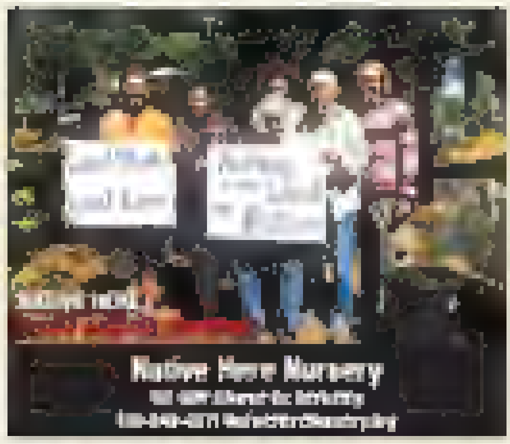
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By David Downs

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Arts & Culture

- Best annual event
- Best art gallery
- Best artist
- Best band
- Best dance company
- Best DJ night at a club
- Best karaoke venue
- Best local author
- Best local filmmaker
- Best museum
- Best music venue
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- [illegible]
- [illegible]
- Best nightclub
- Best performing arts venue
- Best place to see a movie
- Best record label
- Best theater company
- Category we didn't think of

Goods & Services

- Best arts and craft supplies
- Best antique store
- Best bagels
- Best bakery
- Best barbershop
- Best bike shop
- Best bookstore
- [illegible]
- Best brewery
- Best butcher shop
- Best cannabis dispensary
- Best car repair
- Best children's store
- [illegible]
- Best farmers' market
- Best furniture store
- Best game store
- Best grocery store
- Best hair salon
- Best local winery
- Best locally produced goods
- [illegible]
- Best massage
- Best new business
- Best pet store
- Best place for [illegible]
- Best plant nursery
- Best record store
- Best sex shop
- Best shoe store
- Best spa
- Best specialty food store
- Best tattoo shop or artist
- Best used or vintage clothing
- Best veterinarian
- Best wine shop
- Category we didn't think of

People & Places

- Best activist
- Best co-working space
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- Best company to work for
- Best local Instagram account
- Best local Twitter account
- Best neighborhood
- Best nonprofit or charity
- Best park
- Best pick-up spot
- Best place to learn DIY or homesteading skills
- Best place to take the kids
- Best place to walk your dog
- Best politician
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- Best urban garden
- Best view
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Restaurants & Bars

- Best African restaurant
- Best ambiance at a restaurant
- Best bar
- Best barbecue
- Best bartender
- Best beer bar
- Best breakfast/brunch
- Best brewery
- Best cafe
- Best California cuisine
- Best chef
- Best Chinese restaurant
- Best cocktails
- Best coffee
- Best delivery service
- Best dessert place
- Best food at a bar
- Best ice cream
- Best Indian/Pakistani restaurant
- Best Italian restaurant
- Best Japanese/sushi restaurant
- Best kid-friendly restaurant
- Best Korean restaurant
- Best late-night food
- Best locally sourced/organic menu
- Best Mexican restaurant
- Best Middle Eastern restaurant
- Best mobile food vendor
- Best new bar
- Best new restaurant
- Best outdoor seating
- Best pizza
- Best restaurant for a date
- Best sandwiches
- Best seafood
- Best service at a restaurant
- Best Southeast Asian restaurant
- Best Southern/soul food
- Best special occasion restaurant
- Best taqueria
- Best vegetarian/vegan restaurant
- Category we didn't think of

Sports & Leisure

- Best bike ride
- [illegible]
- Best boxing/martial arts studio
- [illegible]
- Best fitness class
- Best fitness instructor
- Best group athletic activity
- Best gym
- Best dog park
- Best outdoor or sporting goods store
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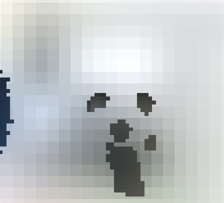
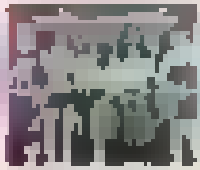
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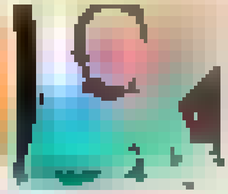
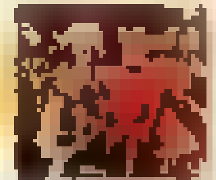
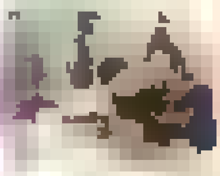
Software Dispute Could Imperil Oakland's Budget

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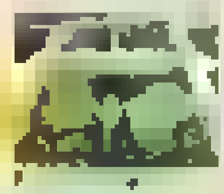
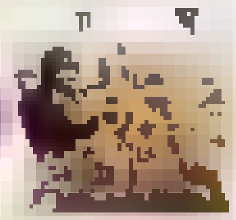
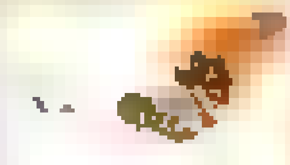
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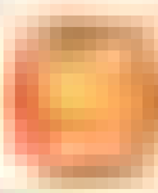




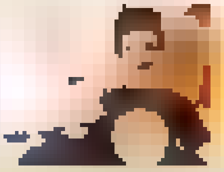











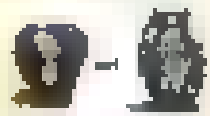






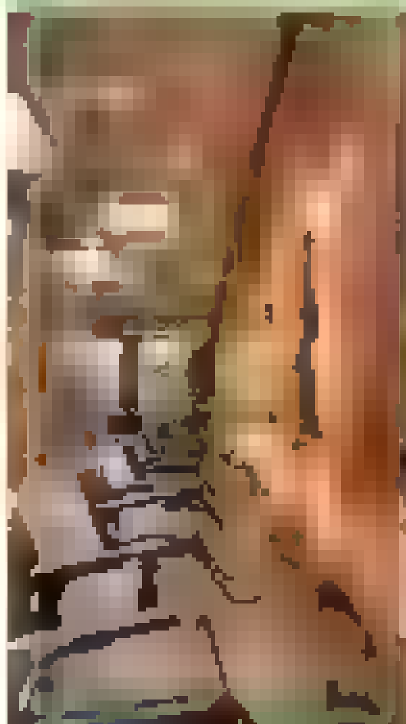












How the New GED Is Failing Students

Oakland education advocates say the new Common Core-aligned high school equivalency test is unfairly difficult — and is stopping adult students from moving forward with their lives.

By Sam Levin

In 2013, [illegible] Thomas dropped out of McClymonds High School in West Oakland when she became pregnant during her senior year. In recent years, Thomas, now [illegible] years old, has been working to secure a full-time job in the healthcare industry. After successfully completing both a certified nurse assistant program and a medical assisting program, she thought it would be relatively easy to find work. All she had left to do was to take the General Educational Development (GED) test.

But passing the GED — which grants graduates a certificate of high school equivalency — proved to be much harder than Thomas expected. Despite attending test prep with West Bay Learning Center, an Oakland-based literacy program for high school dropouts, she failed last year. "It was very frustrating. ... It felt like I was back to square one," she said. "I was ready to just give up."

Thomas' struggle is not unique. In 2014, GED Testing Service, the company that makes the exam, dramatically changed the test to align with federal Common Core education standards. In the process, according to East Bay education advocates and experts across the country, the GED has become significantly more challenging, confusing, and unfair — and as a result is preventing otherwise qualified adult students from moving forward with their lives.

GED Testing Service is a joint venture of Pearson (a for-profit testing corporation) and the American Council on Education (a nonprofit education association). The company has argued that the new test is a more comprehensive assessment linked to the "college and career readiness" standards of the US Department of Education. But adult education teachers who prep students for the GED say that the new exam is overly rigorous and far exceeds high school standards and thus is blocking adults from entering the workforce.

In some cases, students' struggles with the practice GED tests are so great that they ultimately opt not to take the GED at all, according to East Bay teachers. And when students give up on the GED, it becomes substantially harder to find stable [illegible] or move forward with higher [illegible].

Compared to the old GED test (which was designed in 2002) in the same version, national and state data reveals a significant drop in both the number of students taking the test and the percent of students passing. In California, according to GED Testing Service data, [illegible] percent of GED test takers passed in 2012, [illegible] percent in 2013, and [illegible] percent in 2014. But last year, under the new exam, only [illegible] percent [illegible] test-takers

passed, according to a recent report from the California Department of Education.

News reports across the country have suggested significant drops in the number of people earning GED credentials from 2013 to 2014, although GED Testing Service has not yet released its 2014 numbers. In California, while 43,000 to 50,000 students have annually taken the GED in the last several years, in 2014, only 29,000 took the test.

That drop is partially due to the fact that California, along with dozens other states, last year approved an alternative option to the GED known as the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), which is provided by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), a nonprofit organization. San Francisco Unified School District, the largest school district in the state, dropped administering the GED altogether last year, relying exclusively on the HiSET. (California also recently approved a third high school equivalency exam option — the Test Assessing Secondary Completion, or TASC — but that provider, CTB/McGraw-Hill has not yet entered the market here.)

Regardless, it's clear that overall, significantly fewer students received certificates of high school equivalency in the state. According to data ETS provided to the Express last week, in 2014 in California, only 1,829 students took the full HiSET — with 64 percent passing. When combined with the GED test-taking numbers, that represents a drop of more than 35,000 students taking high school equivalency exams.

GED Testing Service representatives and state education officials have emphasized that they expected declines in GED participation and pass rates given that the test is new and thus unfamiliar to both students and teachers. But while defenders of the new GED have cautioned against comparing test results to previous years, adult education instructors have argued that the new test's serious flaws mean that this is not a single-year blip.

Leo Campagnone, a Rock Bay Learning Center teacher, said that 50 to 55 of the center's students typically passed the GED each year under the old test. But last year, only five successfully completed the GED. Some of the students who would have passed the old GED failed the new one, he said, while many more opted not to take the GED because the practice tests clearly signaled that they were doomed to fail.

"The new test is extremely difficult," said Campagnone. "We're now in this situation where instead of providing opportunities, the GED is holding people back. ... It's not helping people get ready for college. It's excluding people who need support."

The new GED is entirely computerized, which critics said has made it challenging for some students who aren't comfortable with the technology, Campagnone said. The math portion has also become tremendously hard, requiring significantly more algebra and geometry knowledge and featuring abstract questions that don't evaluate practical skills.

He said that in the name of encouraging "critical thinking," the makers of the new GED have also created prompts that are unnecessarily confusing, such that students often struggle to understand what the exam is asking them. The social studies portion of the new GED, he continued, asks students to read a passage on an obscure aspect of history or government and write a response. As a result, there's little he can do to prepare them for this section.

"I had to read the questions five or six times to understand what they were asking me to do," said Thomas, who failed the GED in 2014, but recently passed the HiSET exam.

Will Smith, a 22-year-old Berkeley resident and Rock Bay Learning Center student, said he also failed the GED math test while he was already enrolled in classes at Merritt Community College in Oakland. He was even taking college-level algebra when he failed the GED math section.

Like Thomas, Smith eventually passed the HiSET exam, which he said [illegible]. Regardless, possessing some kind of high school equivalency certificate was important to him on a personal level, he added. "I feel like [illegible] sort of missed out since [illegible] didn't have a high school diploma or GED," he said. "I kind of got [illegible]"

While the HiSET may provide a better alternative — Campagnone said it is harder than the old GED, but much fairer and easier than the new GED — the test is not yet readily available, and many students don't know it exists. In fact, Rock Bay recently took a group of Rock Bay students — including Thomas and Smith — to San Jose so they could take the HiSET.

Students can take the HiSET on pencil and paper or a computer. Amy Riker, ETS' national executive director for the HiSET program, said in a phone interview that her organization has worked to ensure that the presentation of questions is rather familiar to them. "The feedback I've received most consistently from students is that [compared to the new GED], they're more familiar with the way our items are presented to them," she said. "It's the type of testing they've taken their whole life. ... The items are designed in a way that it's not expecting students to [illegible] they've never used or never used for standardized testing."

David Spring, a Seattle-based educational researcher and outspoken critic of Pearson and the new GED product, said that there is research demonstrating how GEDs can help people avoid getting caught up in the criminal justice system. "The amount of people being thrown into prison as a result of the Pearson GED test is unconscionable," said Spring, who runs the website [illegible].

CT Turner, a spokesperson for GED Testing Service, declined to be interviewed for this story, but wrote in an email that it would be wrong to compare California's 2014 GED data to previous years, given that the state began offering the HiSET.

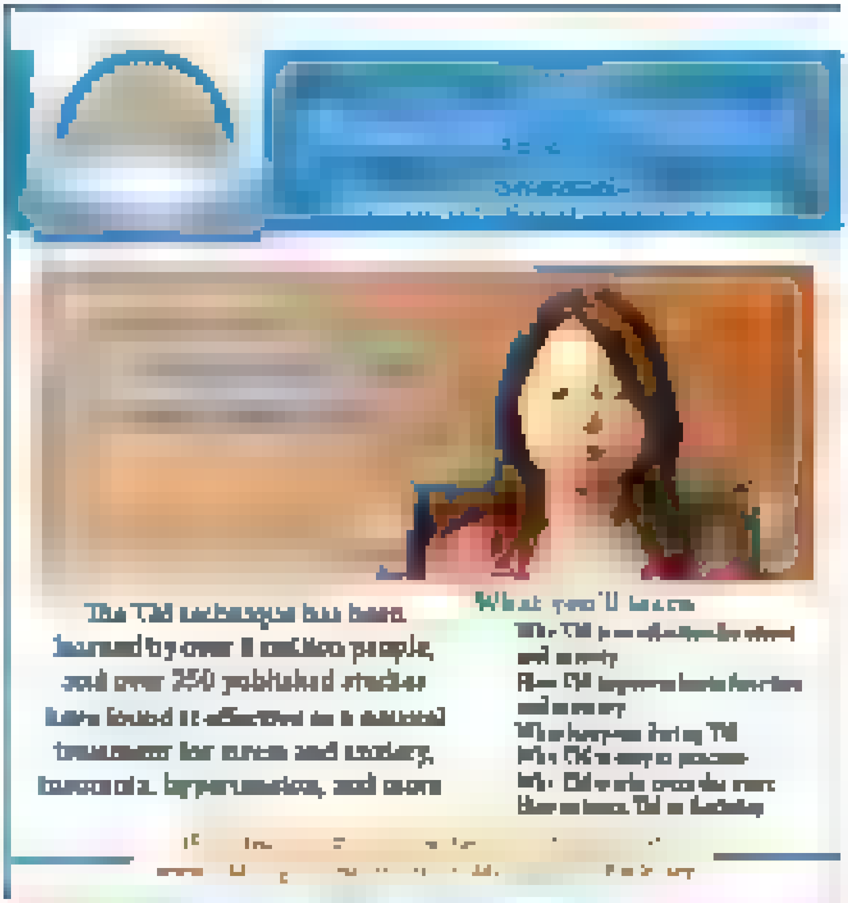
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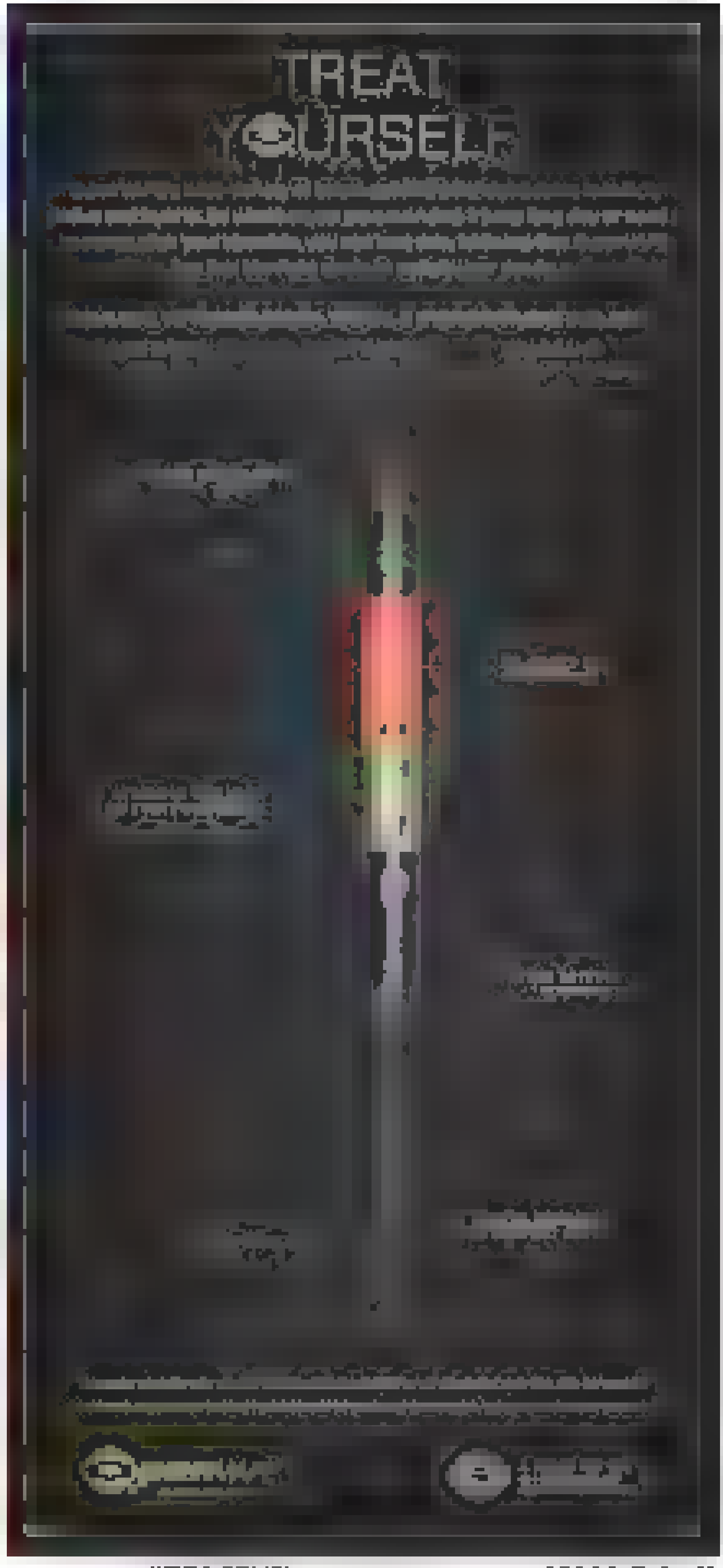
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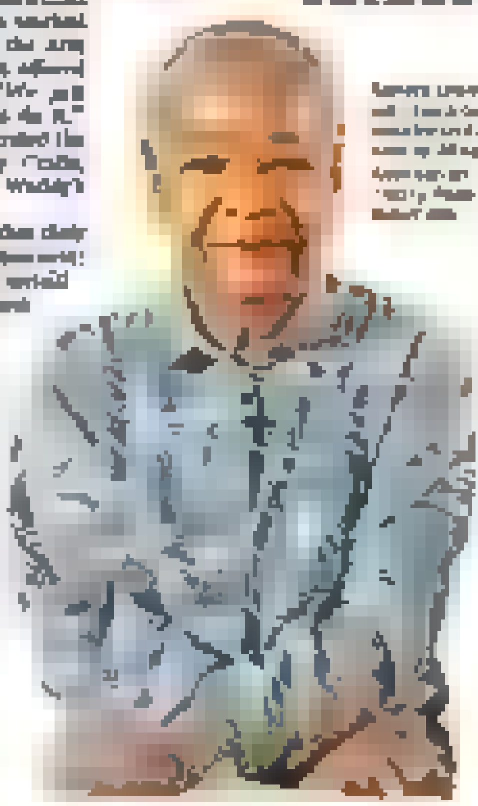

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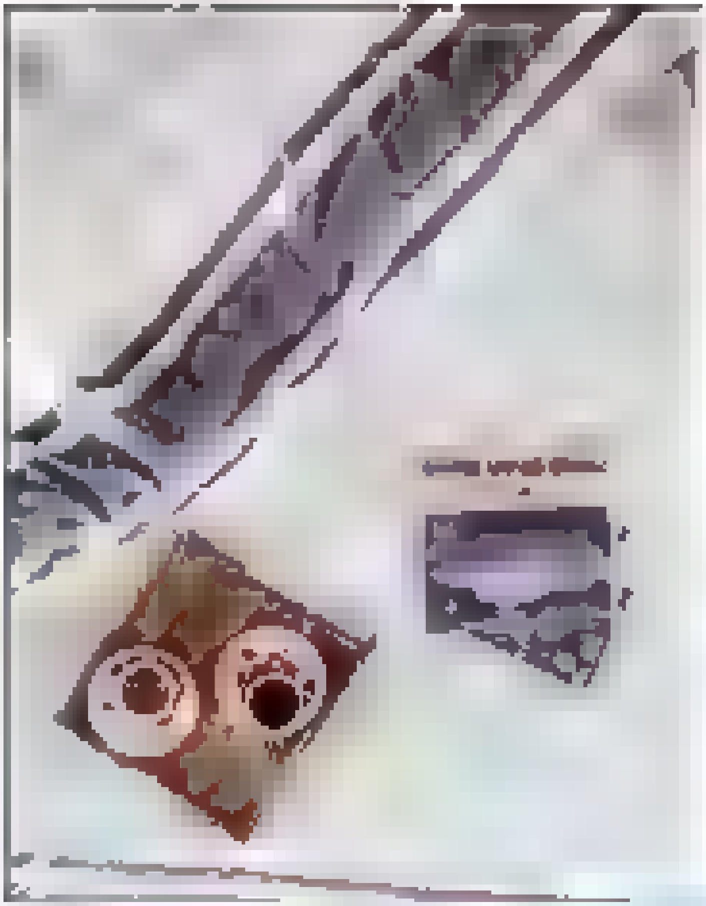
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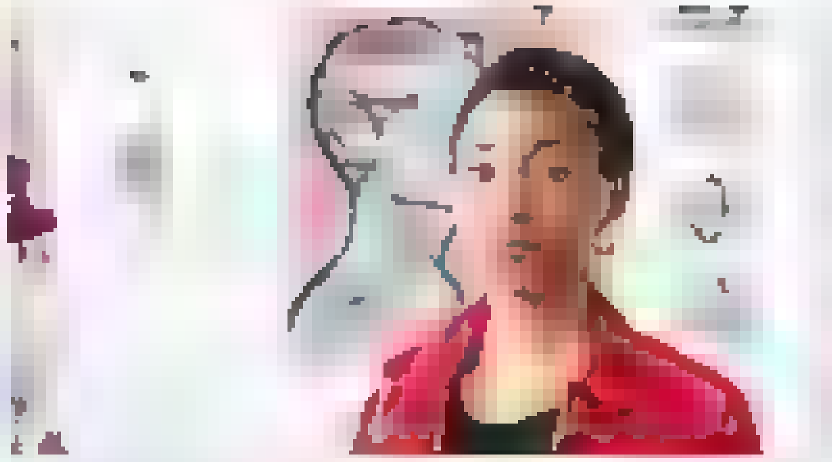






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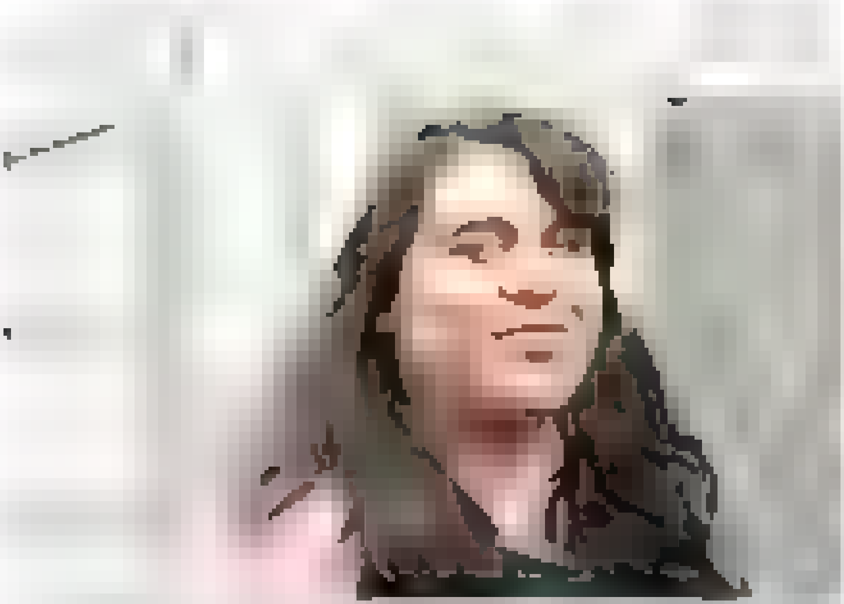

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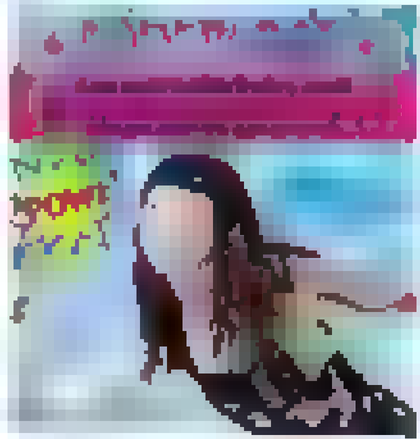





SUMMER SOUNDS
FREE
ON WEDNESDAYS
FROM NOON-1PM



Comedy as Trans Resistance





The East Bay's Sonic Boom

The Megapolis Audio Festival unites experimental artists, musicians, and podcasters to investigate the power of sound.

By Sam Levin



Event Details

First Friday

ART OPENINGS & EVENTS

See the Art Gallery listings in the Express for more information on East Bay art showings

Spend an evening supporting local arts!

Some venues offering art openings and/or special events on First Friday June 6th

ALAMEDA

Frank Bette Center [illegible]

Rhythmix Studios & Galleries [illegible]

ALBANY

Gathering Tribes [illegible]

BERKELEY

Berkeley Potters Guild [illegible]

Berkeley Stonemason Co. [illegible]

Firehouse Gallery / Village Artist Studios [illegible]

Kala Gallery [illegible]

Urbanity [illegible]

OAKLAND

The 310 Jefferson Gallery [illegible]

27th Street Gallery [illegible]

Arte Edwards Gallery [illegible]

Actual Café [illegible]

Art Exhibitions [illegible]

Awaken Café [illegible]

Bellevue Club [illegible]

Black Zoo [illegible]

Café Van Kleef [illegible]

The Compound Gallery [illegible]

Crown Nine Jewelry Boutique and Art Gallery [illegible]

Fortinbras Gallery [illegible]

Gamma Space [illegible]

J Post Design Studio [illegible]

The Layover [illegible]

Loakal [illegible]

Lower Bottom Gallery [illegible]

NIX [illegible]

Oakland First Fridays Street Festival [illegible]

Oaklandish [illegible]

The Legionnaire Saloon [illegible]

Rare Gallery [illegible]

Royal NoneSuch Gallery [illegible]

Slaughterhouse Gallery [illegible]

Somar Bar and Lounge [illegible]

Spice Monkey Café and Restaurant [illegible]

Studio One Art Center [illegible]

Tech Liminal [illegible]

Telegraph Beer Garden [illegible]

Terrenal Art Center [illegible]

The W.E.B. Women's Art & Design Studio [illegible]

White Box Gallery at Oakland School of the Arts [illegible]

OAKLAND ART MURMUR

Aggregate Space Gallery [illegible]

American Steel Studios [illegible]

Betti Ono [illegible]

Chandra Cerrito Contemporary [illegible]

Classic Cars West [illegible]

Creative Framing and Gallery [illegible]

Creative Growth Art Center [illegible]

Era Art Bar [illegible]

Forty's East [illegible]

Field Day And Friends [illegible]

FM [illegible]

Free Oakland UP [illegible]

East Bay Gallery [illegible]

The Great Wall of Oakland [illegible]

Mercury Gallery [illegible]

Johansson Projects [illegible]

Joyce Gordon Gallery [illegible]

Krowswork [illegible]

LaCheVere Gallery [illegible]

Marrow Gallery [illegible]

Maple Street Design [illegible]

Marion and Rose's Workshop [illegible]

Mercury 20 [illegible]

The New Parkway Theater [illegible]

Oakopolis / The Moon [illegible]

Oakstop [illegible]

Pro Gallery [illegible]

Pro Arts [illegible]

Proximity [illegible]

Rock Paper Scissors Collective [illegible]

Random Ceramic Gallery [illegible]

Shadetree Studios [illegible]

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Transmission Gallery [illegible]

Uptown Art Park [illegible]

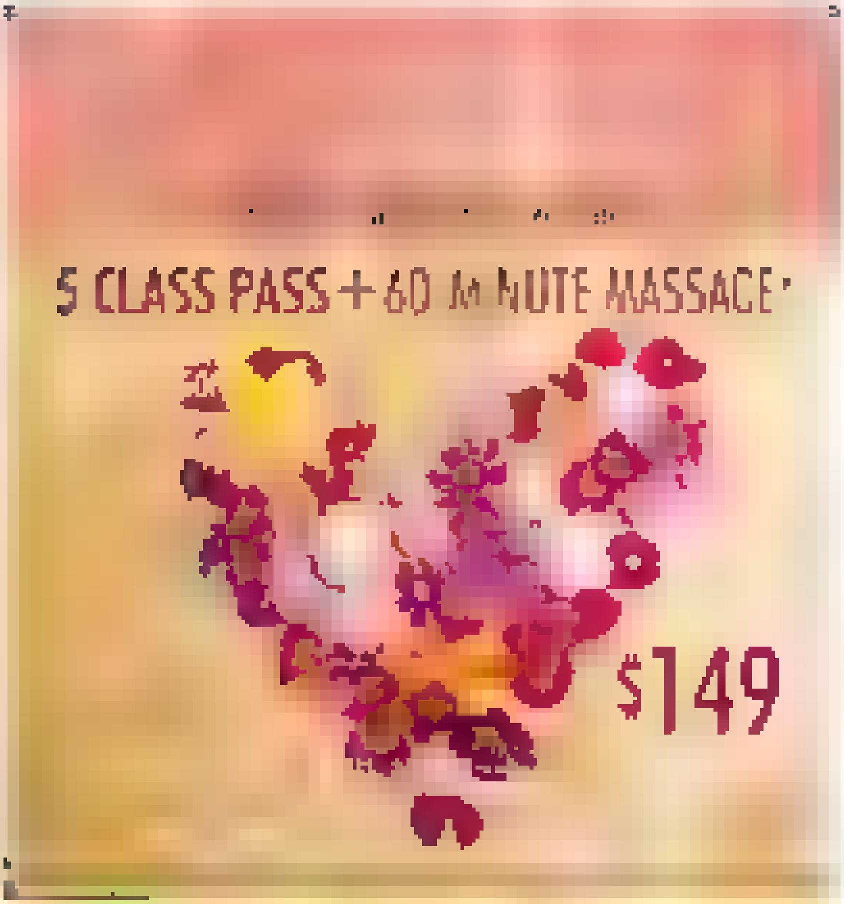
Vessel Gallery [illegible]

The Wall Gallery [illegible]

Warehouse 416 [illegible]

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Tourettes Without Regrets Fifteenth Anniversary




Pacific



Pools of Sound

Evan Holm pulls apart cassette tapes to reveal a world of whimsicality

By Sarah Burke

More Listings Online


CIGAR
DIAMOND CROWN



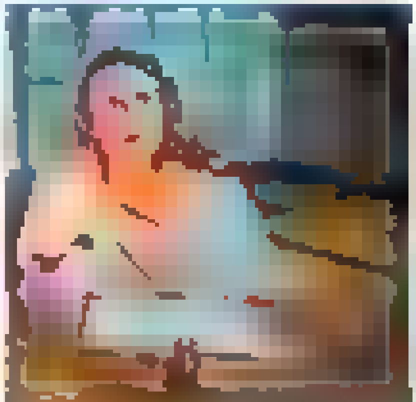

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The Writhing on the Wall

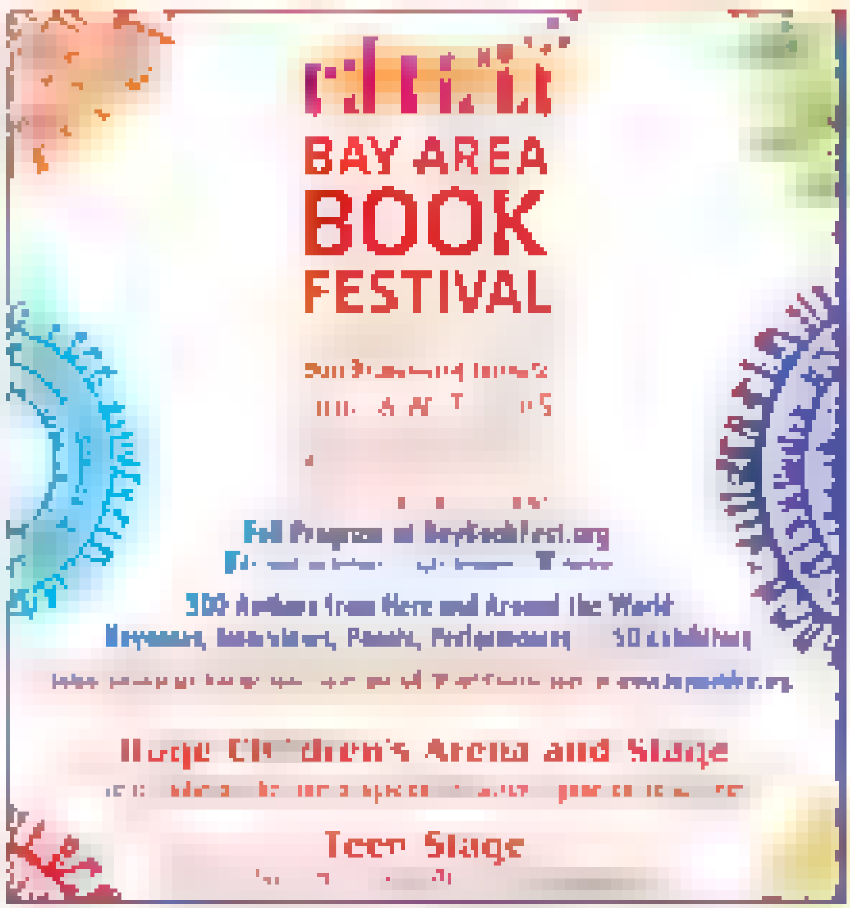
The Yellow Wallpaper, a classic piece of feminist literature, is honored through adaptation at Berkeley City Club



Show Details







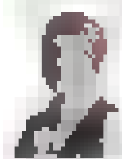
Bay Area Book Festival

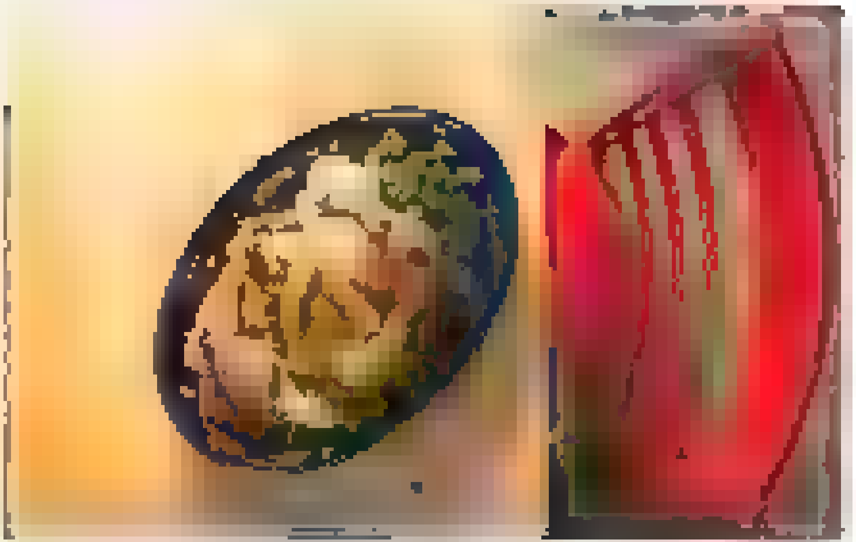



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Replenishing with Pride

My top ten quintessentially queer self-care tips for East Bay parents





When Bakers Cook

At Nick and Aron's, the oven is the restaurant's culinary jack of all trades.

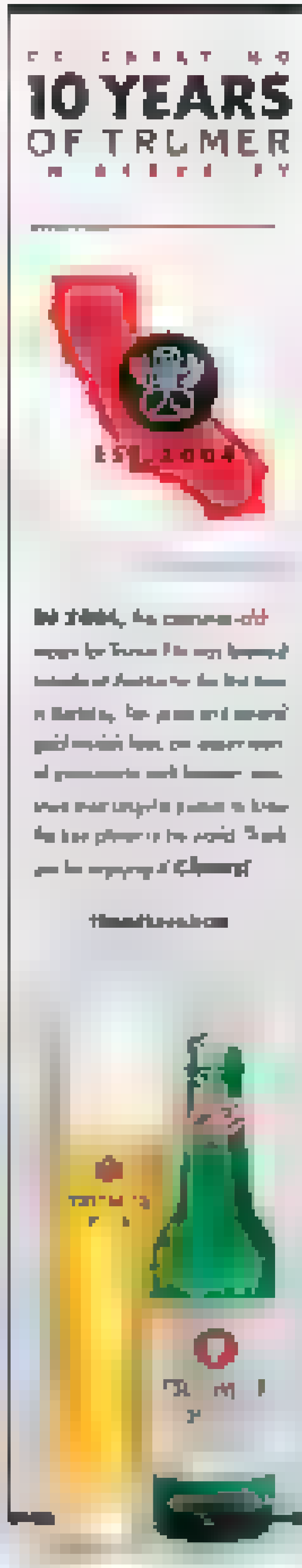
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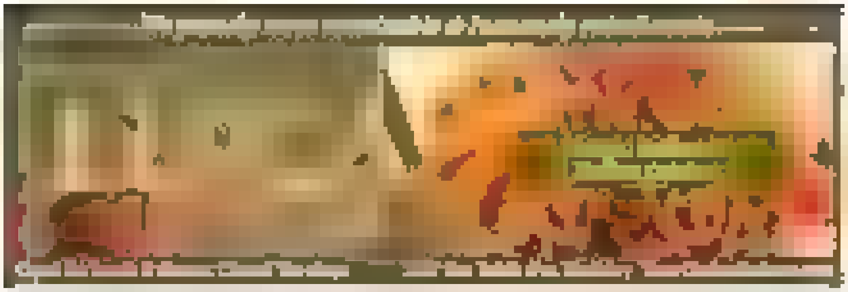
Sample Menu













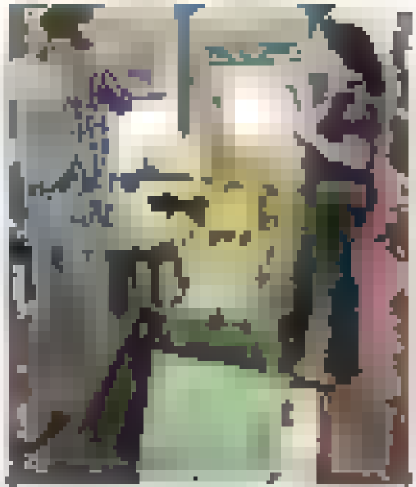

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City Slicker Farms and the perks of being a landowner



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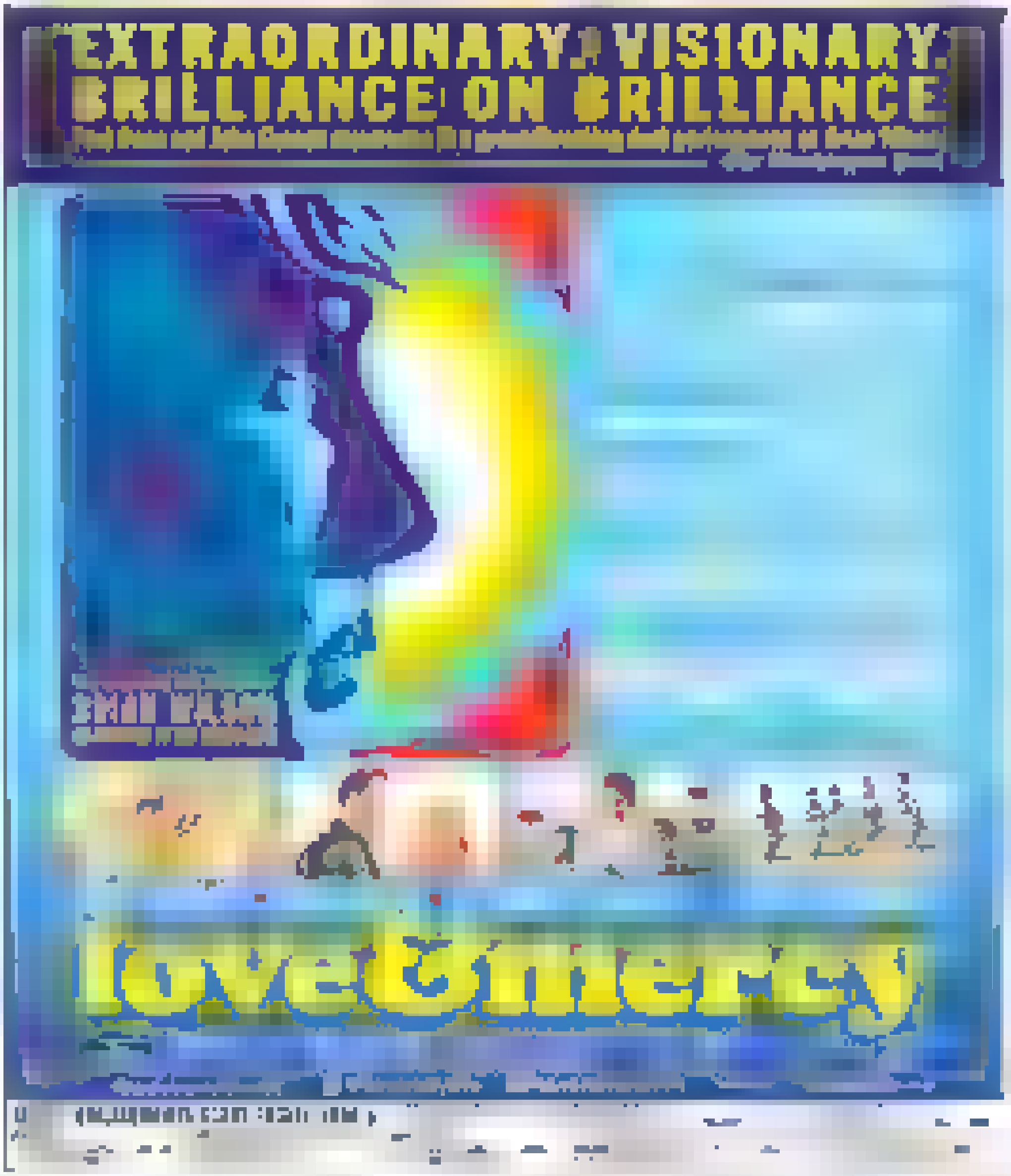


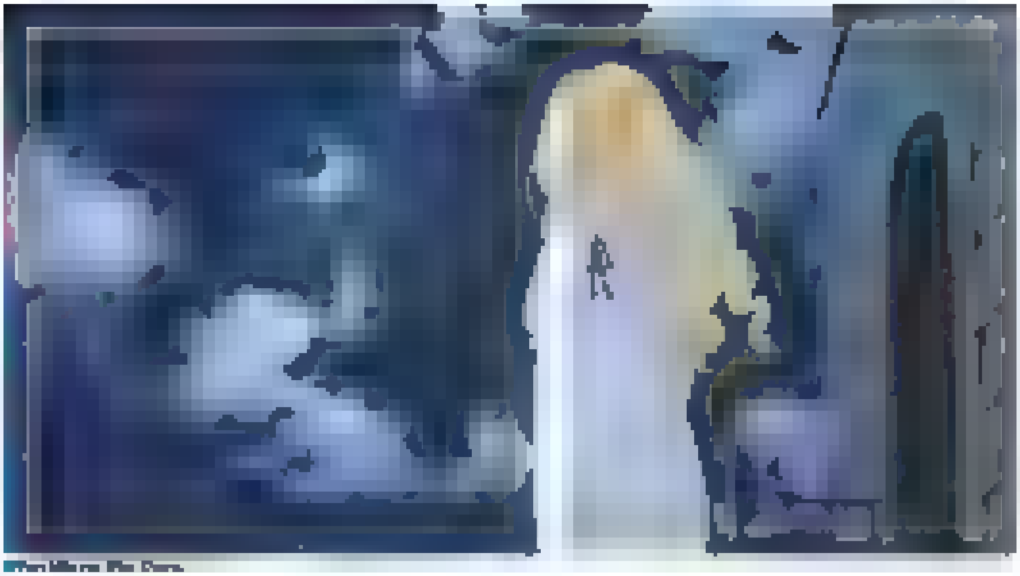
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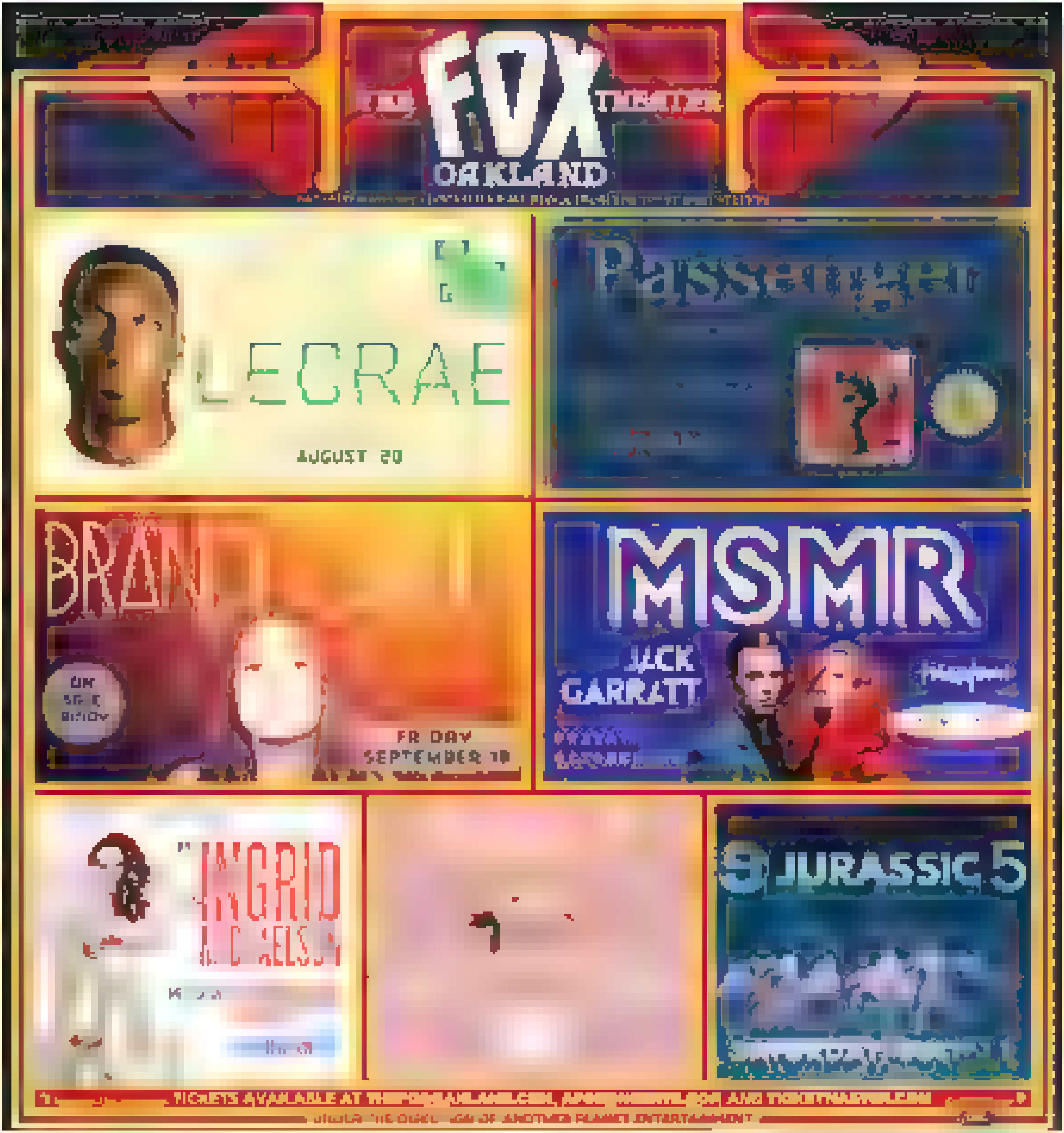


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FRIDAY 6-12

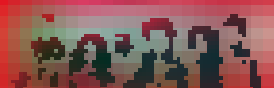
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FRIDAY 7-17

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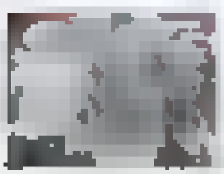
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SATURDAY 6-6

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DYLAN HOLLAND

MON MONEYPENNY

TUE BROTHERS GOW

WED AVID DANCER

THU SCISSORS FOR LEFTY

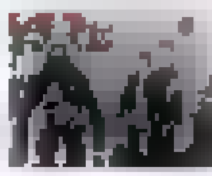
FRI THE DAMNWELLS

SAT THE CAMPBELL APARTMENT

TUE EMILY KINNEY

WED LENKA

THU GENTLEMAN'S DUB CLUB



SAT 6-20

DEAD MEADOW

FRI JOHNNY VIDACOVICH
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Almost Authentic

Christopher Owens' last two solo albums play with modern misgivings about songwriters who claim they're the real deal

By Sam Lefebvre

THURSDAY 4

Classical & Opera

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

FRIDAY 5

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop





SATURDAY 6

Blues, Folk, & Country

Gospel & Vocal

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

SUNDAY 7

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Gospel & Vocal

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Rock & Pop

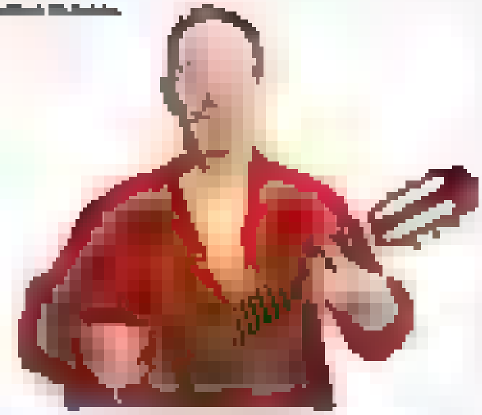








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MONDAY 8

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip Hop

TUESDAY 9

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Blues, Folk, & Country

Experimental & Avant-Garde

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

WEDNESDAY 10

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

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World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

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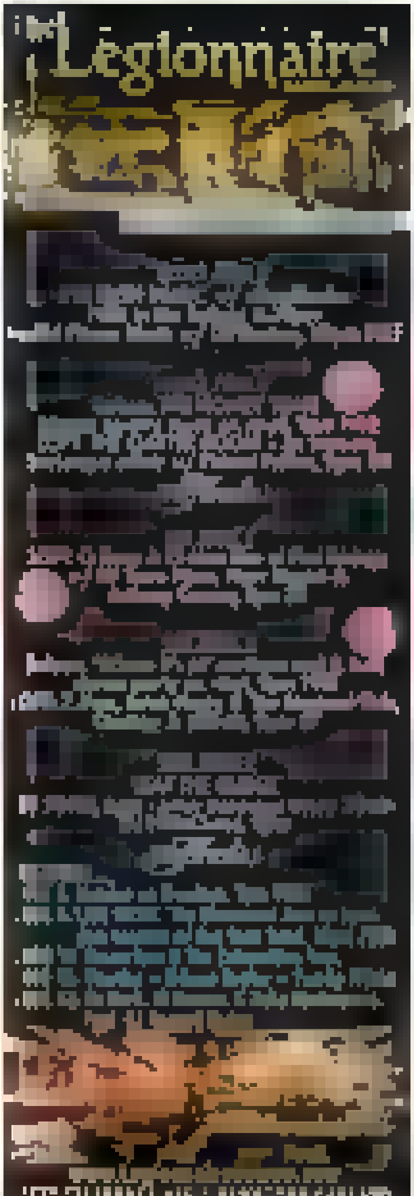
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SATURDAY 6

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Free Will Astrology

Horoscopes for the week of June 4–10

By Rob Brezsny

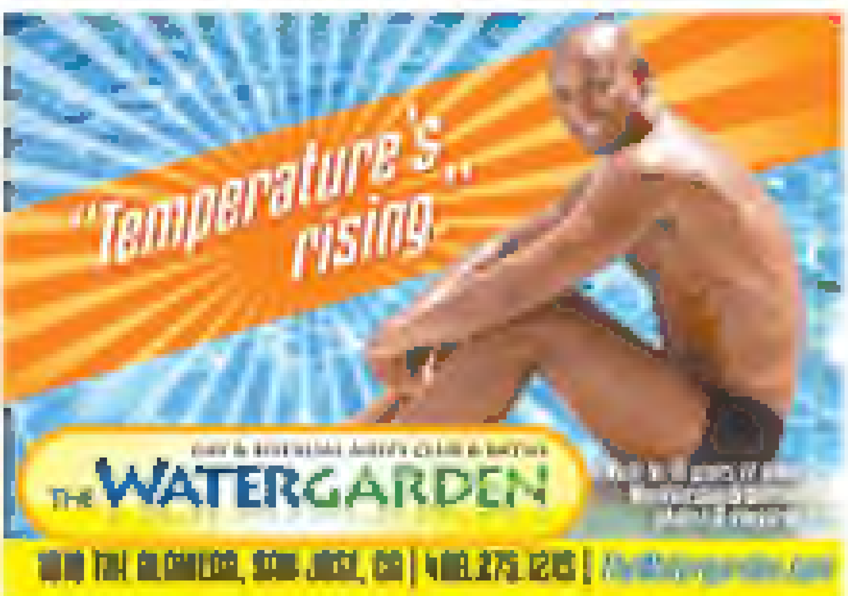












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